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SUBJ: ECEVIT TO ADDRESS RPP RALLY IN ANTALYA

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1. REPUBLICAN PEOPLE'S PARTY (RPP) CHAIRMAN BULENT ECEVIT WILL SPEAK AT THE PARTY'S "DOMESTIC PEACE RALLY" IN ANTALYA MARCH 2, ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS. IN AN INTERVIEW PUBLISHED IN THE MASS-CIRCULATION DAILY HURRIYET FEBRUARY 27, ECEVIT AGAIN CHARGED THE CENTER-RIGHT NATIONALIST FRONT PARTIES WITH RESPONSIBILITY FOR RECENT CIVIL DISTURBANCES, SAYING: "THOSE WHOSE HOPES FOR POWER ARE FINISHED HAVE COME OUT INTO THE STREETS....AFTER WE LEFT THE GOVERNMENT ASSAULTS AND BLOODY EVENTS BEGAN WITH THE COMING OF THE WORD "FRONT".

2. COMMENT: THERE IS SOME RISK THAT THE "PEACE RALLY" COULD FURNISH AN OCCASION FOR EXTREMIST GROUPS TO PROVOKE FURTHER OUTBREAKS OF CIVIL VIOLENCE. INFLUENTIAL COLUMNIST ABDI IPEKCI (MILLIYET FEBRUARY 27) HAS EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT INCIDENTS MIGHT BE CREATED IN ORDER TO DISCREDIT THE RPP. HOWEVER, ANTALYA, UNLIKE THE EASTERN TOWNS WHERE RIOTING

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OCCURRED THIS MONTH, DOES NOT RPT NOT HAVE ENDEMIC PROBLEMS

OF RELIGIOUS OR TRIBAL DIFFERENCES, AND IT HAS MORE RPP SUPPORTERS.
ALSO, SECURITY FORCES WILL HAVE TIME TO PREPARE FOR THE POS-
SIBILITY OF DISTURBANCES IN CONNECTION WITH THE RALLY.
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